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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

In the response to the Office Action of July 25, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend the following claims:

2. (Amended) A pellet according to claim 25 wherein said one or more intermediate layers (c) comprise one or more layers of an inert, non-alkaline coating and one or more layers of a system of modified release.

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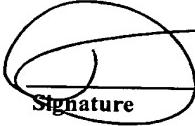
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